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SITUK RIVER CHINOOK SALMON SUBSISTENCE FISHERY CLOSURE

Yakutat...The Alaska Department of Fish and Game today announced the following information concerning the **Yakutat Area subsistence fishery**:

Situk-Ahrnklin Inlet: subsistence fishing for Chinook salmon will close until further notice at **12:01 a.m., Thursday, May 12**. Chinook salmon may not be retained in the sockeye salmon subsistence fishery.

The Chinook salmon subsistence fishery is closed in the Situk-Ahrnklin Inlet in accordance with the Situk-Ahrnklin Inlet and Lost River King Salmon Fisheries Management Plan. The Situk River is managed for a biological escapement goal (BEG) of 450 to 1,050 large Chinook salmon. The 2016 preseason forecast is for a total return of 684 large Chinook salmon. The inriver run goal was not achieved in 2010, 2011, 2012, and 2015, and restrictive management measures were deemed necessary. The 2016 preseason forecast suggests that the Situk River Chinook salmon run will again fall short of the lower bound of the BEG if normal fisheries are prosecuted. Conservation actions are necessary to ensure adequate levels of escapement.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1Y0116.

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